



The City of Seattle

## Pioneer Square Preservation Board

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### Staff REPORT

for Board meeting January 18, 2023

Board Members Please Note: The citations from the District Ordinance, Rules for the Pioneer Square Preservation District, and Secretary of the Interior's Standards listed below are for your consideration in addition to any other citations you find relevant in considering each application.

**010423.31      Sound Transit's West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions light rail project**

Presenters: Leda Chahim, Sloan Dawson, Stephen Mak, Sound Transit

After reviewing the Draft EIS and the comments from Tribes, the public and agency partners, the Sound Transit Board identified a preferred route and station locations for the West Seattle Link Extension and directed staff to conduct further studies and community engagement for the Ballard Link Extension, including Chinatown International District.

This briefing provides an overview of CID further studies, engagement opportunities and feedback received during our CID workshop series that began with an open house in October.

Sound Transit staff will provide updates to the Sound Transit Board on progress of further studies in February 2023.

Staff report: The Board previously had an introductory briefing on Jan 15, 2020. That briefing covered an introduction to the project and public engagement plan. This briefing will provide updates and focus on the International Chinatown station. Some of the locations identified are in an area where the Pioneer Square Preservation District and the International Special Review District overlap. The International Special Review District had a briefing in December.

#### Code Citations:

SMC 23.66.030 Certificates of Approval required

- A. Certificate of approval required. No person shall alter, demolish, construct, reconstruct, restore, remodel, make any visible change to the exterior appearance of any structure, or to the public rights-of-way or other public spaces

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in a special review district, and no one shall remove or substantially alter any existing sign or erect or place any new sign or change the principal use of any building, or any portion of a building, structure or lot in a special review district, and no permit for such activity shall be issued unless a certificate of approval has been issued by the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

#### Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation

1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
7. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
8. Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

#### Guidelines for Setting (Historic District)

##### **To meet the Standards for Rehabilitation, new site elements should:**

- Be compatible with the historic character of the property.

**Basic guidance for new site features that will meet the Standards is:**

- New site features should be compatible with the building(s) and the significant landscape features on the site. Additionally, new site features should be consistent with the historic use of the property.
- New site features should be as unobtrusive as possible in both location and design.
- New site features should preserve the historic relationship between the building(s) and the significant landscape features.

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